



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YOICHI ANDO

Application No.: 09/749,727

Filed: December 28, 2000

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

) Examiner: G. Zimmerman

) Group Art Unit: 2879

) May 12, 2003

Commissioner for of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO MAKE DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

With the Examiner's approval, Applicants propose to amend the drawings in the above-identified application as shown in red on the attached copies of Figs. 17, 20 and 21.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 12, 2003.

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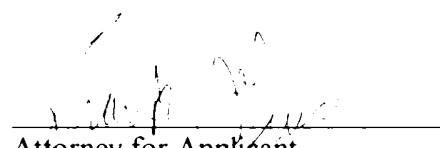
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Date of Signature

The proposed changes are indicated in red on the attached duplicate copies
of the pertinent figures as filed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by
telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our
below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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